CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	167497_103341683073292_100001923812010_27754_8309517_n (2).jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1400086.013
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	07 May 2014
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	07 May 2014

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. The computer image file is a colour photograph of two teenage girls posing in singlets and underwear, with the singlets arranged to expose their breasts. One girl embraces the other from behind. The image appears contrived to suggest one of the girls is cajoling the other who appears reluctant and self conscious. The publication encourages the viewer to see young persons as sexually desirable and available, and legitimises a sexual interest in them.

This classification interferes with the freedom of expression set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. This outcome is consistent, however, with Parliament's intention that publications that promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.